

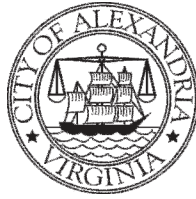
PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE CITIZENS GROUP

**Meeting Notes
11 January 2010
Durant Center, 1605 Cameron Street**

Attendees:

Councilwoman Alicia Hughes, John Komorske (chair, Planning Commission), Jayme Blakesley (vice-chair, Transportation Commission), Jerry King, Dick Christenson, Nancy Miller, Shanie Bartlett, Scott Binde, Cindy Albert, Katherine Glennon, Dave Levy, Stacy Langsdale, Shawna Vaca, Bruce Dwyer, Adam Froehlig, Jonathan Krall, Kevin Connell, Ron Taylor, Patricia Festin, Timothee Doutriaux, John Patterson, Bill Pugh, Carrie Fesperman, Yon Lambert (staff), Karen Callahan (staff).

- **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Yon Lambert. He welcomed all attendees then introduced guest speakers John Komoroske, Chairman of the City of Alexandria's Planning Commission and Jayme Blakesley, Vice Chairman of the City's Transportation Commission.
- **Review of September Meeting with Arlington County:** Arlington County and the City of Alexandria's bicycle and pedestrian advisory committees hosted a combined meeting on Monday, September 14th at the Arlington Parks & Rec Conference Center. Yon Lambert discussed the topics of the meeting which included discussions on the Four Mile Run Restoration Plan, the Four Mile Run Trail connection to Potomac Avenue and Potomac Yards, the HOT lanes proposal at the Shirlington circle, signage at the south end of the Shirlington overpass, the route from the Shirlington overpass to the Wayne Anderson Trail, the Regional Bike Sharing application, the King & Beauregard intersection status and the possibility of a 2010 Arlington/Alexandria Community Bike Ride.
- **Guest Discussions:** Mr. Komoroske and Mr. Blakesley, both avid bicyclists, explained how their commissions shape policy and approve projects, provide oversight, plans and funding that directly affect bicyclists and pedestrians in Alexandria. Both expressed lack of infrastructure concerns and ongoing accomplishments for cycling through the City. They listened to statements and answered questions from the attendee's concerns such as difficulty cycling through Old Town, lack of water fountains on the Mt. Vernon Trail, the difficult biking from east to west through the City especially on Duke St and how trails such as the Clermont Connector doesn't connect to other trails. Mr. Blakesley informed the group of the New York City Department of Transportation's Street Design Manual available for downloading.



- **2009 Year in Review and 2010 Major Projects:** Yon Lambert announced preliminary data for pedestrian and bicycle crashes in the City. He also detailed the cycling classes held in 2009, the trail bike counts taken by City Staff and the National Park Service along the Mt. Vernon trail, the 200 bike lights provided to cyclists, the bi-annual Street Smart campaign, the re-print of the City's new bike map, the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Trail opening and the Bronze level designation of a Bicycle Friendly Community and the completion of the Chambliss Crossing study and the chosen design.
- **2010 Major New Projects:** Mr. Lambert described new projects slated for 2010 including:
 - Rapid Flash Beacons at four locations in Alexandria,
 - Active Transportation and Bike Initiatives and DRAFT specifications for bicycle lockers and bicycle shelters
 - Eisenhower Avenue Complete Streets design
 - King/Beauregard intersection design
 - Eisenhower Avenue underpass
 - Safe Routes to School
 - ASA expansion/Hooffs Run Connection

Mr. Lambert also reviewed the planning processes for the Potomac Yard, Beauregard and Old Town Waterfront plan designs.

- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Street Smart Advisory Group Meeting on January 15th at COG
 - Wayfinding Stakeholder Advisory Group meets on Jan 26 at 8:30 am in City Hall
 - Four Mile Run Pedestrian Bicyclist Bridge Design, connecting Commonwealth Avenue to S. Eads Street in Arlington. Competition Lectures and Award selection will be Saturday, March 27 at the Masonic Temple
 - City Confident Cycling classes will be held May 6 at Mt. Vernon Rec, June 5 at Charles Houston Rec and June 19 and Cora Kelley Rec.
 - Bike DC is tentatively set for Sunday, May 9
 - 2010 Bike To Work Day will be Friday, May 21
- **Public Input:** The following are comments expressed by attendees at the meeting:
 - Curb bulb outs are impediments to cyclist safety,
 - Funds being used for the Four Mile Ped-Bike Bridge should be used on purchasing bike racks for DASH buses.
 - What does it take to get a silver designation as a Bicycle Friendly Community?
 - Duke Street (east-west city connection) trail network is needed
 - Volunteers needed for Bicycle Co-op to provide maintenance and repairs to bicycles

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.